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In response to our demand, the Chinese units in Marco Polo bridge finally evacuated and withdrew to the right side of the Yung Ting Ho at 12.20 p.m. Accordingly our Army concentrated our forces on the north and east sides of Marco Polo Bridge and has decided to open negotiations for the settlement of the incident suspending all hostilities. The willful delay in withdrawing Chinese units in Marco Polo Bridge as well as the unlawful shooting by the Chinese unit in the neighbourhood of Lung Wang Miao which happened on the night before last can not but be considered as a result of the anti-Japanese propaganda conducted by the Nanking Government and the Communist Party circles towards the Chinese Armies and especially towards junior officers and downward, which recently seem to become ever more malicious. It will have no other effect than to hinder mutual understandings between the upper and lower parts among the Chinese Army and to lead the Hobei and Chahar Political Council to a disadvantageous position. It will be really regrettable for the sake of East Asia in general in case these tendencies should result in helping the

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so-called people's Frontists in their attainment of long cherished aims. The Japanese Army is greatly interested in the future development of the situations.

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